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1. SUMMARY: AT FILM SHOWING FEBRUARY 4 COMMEMORATING
14TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANGOLAN REBELLION, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE
PETROFF OUTLINED MPLA'S CURRENT POLICY AND WARNED AGAINST
BOTH INTERNAL COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES AND EXTERNAL ENEMIES
OF ANGOLA SUPPORTED BY SOME OF ITS AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. END
SUMMARY.

2. TO COMMEMORATE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF ANGOLAN
REBELLION, MPLA HELD RECEPTION AND FILM SHOWING FEBRUARY 4
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AT DAR ES SALAAM'S (NORTH) KOREAN CULTURAL CENTER,

HOSTED BY MPLA'S DAR ES SALAAM REPRESENTATIVE, ANDRE PETROFF. EMBOFF ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR CARTER (THIS SECOND TIME -- SEE REFTEL -- AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO MPLA FUNCTION). EARLIER IN DAY, PETROFF HAD ADDRESSED MASS MEETING SPONSORED BY TANU HOUTH LEAGUE.

3. RECEPTION ATTENDED PRIMARILY BY AFRICANS AND BY DIPLOMATS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. FOLLOWING WELL-CATERED DRINKS AND REFRESHMENTS, GUESTS MOVED TO CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM TO VIEW PHOTO EXHIBIT OF MPLA FORCES AND SHOWING OF TOURIST-TYPE HOME MOVIE RECENTLY TAKEN BY A GERMAN IN CABINDA AND LUANDA. MOVIE FEATURED LUANDA SKYSCRAPERS AND COLORFUL NATIVES, WITH EMPHASIS ON HAPPY FACES WELCOMING MPLA AND MPLA SLOGANS ON WALLS. ALTHOUGH GERMAN WHO HAD TAKEN FILM PROVIDED AD-LIB COMMENTARY FOCUSING ON CONTRAST BETWEEN RICH WHITES AND POOR BLACKS, EFFECT HERE LIMITED BECAUSE LUANDAN AFRICANS SHOWN SEEMED AT LEAST AS WELL FED, HOUSED, AND CLOTHED AS THOSE OF DAR ES SALAAM.

4. PRIOR TO FILM SHOWING, PETROFF READ (IN PORTUGUESE, TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH) A STATEMENT COMMEMORATING THE OCCASION. HE OUTLINED CURRENT MPLA POLICIES AS BEING (A) RESPECT FOR THE MOMBASA AND PENINA AGREEMENTS; (B) THE NEED FOR SINCERITY AND REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT; (C) SUPPORT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MASSES; (D) ORGANIZATION AND POLITICIZATION OF THE MASSES; AND (E) STRUGGLE AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTION, BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.

5. QUOTING REMARKS MADE BY MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LUANDA FEBRUARY 4 TO EFFECT THAT MPLA, UNLIKE OTHER GROUPS, NOT AFRAID OF INDEPENDENCE OR PEOPLES' COMING TO POWER. PETROFF SAID MPLA KNEW ITS FRIENDS AND ENEMIES AND "WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY SUGARY WORDS OF OUR ENEMIES." HE CALLED ON THESE ENEMIES TO CEASE INTERFERING IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS, NOTING THAT THERE STILL DANGER FROM (A) "REACTIONARY INTERNAL MINORITY WHICH STILL DREAMS OF ANGOLA BECOMING ANOTHER RHODESIA," LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND (B) "REACTIONARIES ABROAD SUPPORTED BY CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, EVEN NEIGHBORS, WHO THINK AND DREAM THAT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA CANNOT BY THEMSELVES SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND CREATE A DEMOCRATIC, INDEPENDENT, PROGRESSIVE AND UNITED COUNTRY."

6. FINALLY, PETROFF GAVE THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED MPLA AND ANGOLAN LIBERATION, INCLUDING AFRICAN NATIONS, THE

SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ("OUR NATURAL ALLIES"), AND LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS IN PALESTINE, VIETNAM AND KOREA.

7. IN BIDDING FAREWELL TO EMBOFF AFTER MOVIE, PETROFF
(WHO APPEARED PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK PORTUGUESE)
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TALKING FURTHER, AND IT WAS AGREED
THAT EMBOFF WOULD MAKE APPOINTMENT VISIT MPLA HEAD-
QUARTERS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

8. COMMENT: PETROFF'S REMARKS, LIKE OTHER MPLA STATEMENTS,
SUGGEST THAT THAT ORGANIZATION, LIKE MOZAMBIQUE'S FRELIMO,
DRAWS MORE OF ITS IDEOLOGY FROM ORTHODOX COMMUNIST
SOURCES THAN DO MOST "AFRICAN SOCIALIST" PARTIES. DE-
SPITE PETROFF'S PERSONAL CORDIALITY TO REPORTING OFFICER,
IT NOT HARD TO IDENTIFY HIS "REACTIONARIES ABROAD" WITH
THE CAPITALIST WORLD (NOR THEIR SUPPOSED AFRICAN NEIGHBOR
SUPPORTER WITH ZAIRE).

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